

1958

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Extent (2.5): 9 images each, in two formats on one DVD. Digital Surrogate available on Flickr <https://www.flickr.com/photos/aasuarchives/albums/72157618332538873>

Name of Creator(s) (2.6): Vann E. Hettinger

Scope and Content (3.1): Scanned from film images by the photographer Vann E. Hettinger. On May 20th 1958 he photographed fire that consumed Adler's Dept. Store on Broughton Street. The *Savannah Morning News* called it the worst downtown fire since 1889 and Adler's a landmark for shoppers for 70 years.

Conditions Governing Access (4.1): Attribution-non commercial creative commons license from Hettinger.

Language and Scripts of Material (4.5): English

Administrative/Biographical History (2.7): Hettinger was a bystander, living in Savannah and working at IBM in 1958. "The only recollections I have of taking the pictures is that I was recently out of college, on my first real job with IBM. I was supposed to be at work, but the fire was just too appealing. I was aggressive enough to get close enough (as you can tell from the photos) to get wet from the spray of the hoses. So I had to go home and put on a fresh WHITE shirt and tie before returning to work." Letter from donor.

Access Points:

Fires--Georgia, Savannah--History

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Adler's Department Store (Savannah, GA.)